

UNIT INFORMATION

USCG Sector Northern New England

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PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS:

Commander
U.S. Coast Guard Sector NNE
259 High Street
S. Portland, ME 02543
Attn: (Your Name)

COMMERCIAL PHONE NUMBERS:

Admin: (207) 780-3048
COMCEN: (207) 767-0302 / 0303
Sector OOD: (207) 318-7031



WEB SITE: <http://www.uscg.mil/d1/sectornne/>

E-MAIL: Sponsor Provided

UNIT MISSIONS: Search and Rescue; Law Enforcement; Marine Environmental Protection; Defense Readiness; Home Land Security Functions; Aids to Navigation Support; Engineering Support (Naval and Civil); Administrative Support; and Public Affairs

TYPICAL SA/SN JOB ASSIGNMENT: Master at Arms (MAA) Force

TYPICAL FA/FN JOB ASSIGNMENT: Master at Arms (MAA) Force

INPORT WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR SA/SN: Sector JOOD watches – 24 hr gate, roving and security watch. Typically 1 and 10 rotation.

INPORT WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR FA/FN: Sector JOOD watches – 24 hr gate, roving and security watch. Typically 1 and 10 rotation.

UNDERWAY WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR SA/SN: None

UNDERWAY WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR FA/FN: None

SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING AFTER HOURS: Contact OOD/COMCEN at phone number above.

IF UNIT IS UNDERWAY, WHERE TO REPORT: Not Applicable

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HOW MUCH PERSONAL STORAGE SPACE: Minimal Barracks Room space.

UNIFORM NORMALLY WORN DURING THE WORKDAY: ODU

RECOMMENDED UNIFORM ITEMS IN ADDITION TO SEABAG ISSUE: None

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE SUMMER: 75-85 F WINTER: 20-40 F

UNIT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE REP: <http://www.cgmahq.org/>

WHAT TYPE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE AREA: Many small community colleges and educational opportunities including Dantes/Clebs/DSST tests through the Educational Services Officer.

RATINGS PRESENT AT UNIT: BM; DC; EM; FS; GM; MK; MST; OS; SK; and YN.

NAME OF NEAREST CITY AND DISTANCE: Portland, ME – 3 miles.

NAME OF NEAREST MILITARY FACILITY AND DISTANCE: Brunswick Naval Air Station, 35 miles.

LOCATION OF NEAREST EXCHANGE AND COMMISARY: Coast Guard Exchange, 10 miles and Brunswick Navy Exchange, 35 miles

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE AREA: All

IF A CUTTER, COMMON DESTINATIONS OF DEPLOYMENTS: Not Applicable

UNIFORM TO REPORT IN: Service Dress Bravo

IF SPONSOR NOT AVAILABLE, RECRUIT SHOULD REPORT TO: Admin Department, 27 Pearl Street, Portland, ME.

ANY OTHER INFORMATION A NEWLY ARRIVING APPRENTICE NEEDS TO KNOW: New members must check in with Housing Office (207) 780-3071/3074 to be initially assigned a barracks room.

WHERE DO MOST PEOPLE BANK:

[Norway Savings Bank](#), 207 Waterman Drive, South Portland, ME 04106, (207) 741-9100

[Bangor Savings Bank](#), 180 Waterman Drive, South Portland, ME 04106, (207) 767-0814

ARE THERE CREDIT UNIONS IN THE AREA:

[Town and Country FCU](#), 170 Ocean Street, South Portland, ME 04106, (207) 767-7419, (800) 649-3495.

[Coast Line FCU](#), 333 Cottage Road, South Portland, ME 04106, (207) 799-7245, (800) 582-9294



MEMBERS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS

IS MESSING AVAILABLE: Yes. Sector Northern New England has a galley.

QUARTERS AND OR BARRACKS AVAILABLE: Yes.

RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR TYPICAL 18-20 YR OLD: \$ 200 / month

IS UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE: Yes with restrictions.

WHERE WILL A SINGLE NON-RATE MORE THAN LIKELY LIVE: Barracks

IS THERE A MALL IN THE AREA: Yes – Maine Mall - 7 Miles away.

MEMBERS WITH DEPENDENTS

COST OF AVERAGE TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT IN THE AREA: \$ 950 to \$1200
Without Utilities.

BAH RATE FOR AN E1/E2/E3: With \$1,238.00 Without: \$981.00

IS LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE: Yes

IS GOVERNMENT OWNED HOUSING AVAILABLE: Yes

WHAT IS THE AVERAGE WAIT FOR HOUSING: Varies

HOUSING OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS: (207) 780-3071/3074 FAX: (207) 780-3567

WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE: Dependents use TRI-CARE or Martins Point Health Care.

SCHOOL SYSTEMS: Very good public schools for grade age children.

IS IT ADVISABLE TO BRING DEPENDENTS ALONG WHEN REPORTING? Yes –
Bringing dependents is feasible. However the member should have housing arrangements set up with a rental, lease, or purchase of home. Contact the Housing Office for assistance if desired.



Unit History

The land presently occupied by Coast Guard Sector Northern New England was acquired in 1929 by the USLS for use as a depot. A channel 16 feet deep and 100 feet wide was dredged into the facility through mud flats from the natural deep-water channel of the Fore River in the north side of the Harbor. Of the 7.1 acres of land that presently exists within the facilities property bounds, nearly 50% was created in the early 1930s using approximately 124,000 cubic yards of material produced during dredging of the channel and a 300 foot turning basin just to the north of the facility. Overlapping sheet metal pilings were driven into the mud and then the dredged material was used to fill in behind. After allowing this area to settle for about one year, it was topped with hard fill trucked in from off base.

By the mid-1930's, construction of Building 1, 2, 3, and 4, the wharf and two piers (75 by 250 feet each) had been completed. In 1942, a temporary wooden barracks building was added on the upper-facility grounds. A Navy Net Depot was established in December 1941 with a large enlisted barracks, warehouse and workshop across High Street from the facility on 2.27 acres. The Navy depot existed as a tenant command of the Base until 1946. In that year, the annex was transferred to the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard used the buildings for several years until the U.S. Government declared them excess. The land and buildings were sold in July 1964 for \$12,505.50. The wooden barracks building on facility was raised in 1963 and a new barracks and messing building (Building 6) was constructed in 1964 and a Boat Maintenance Facility (Building 7); Finger Pier and Travel Lift were added in 1982. When the USLS merged with the Coast Guard in 1939 existing facilities were converted from a USLS Buoy Depot and Headquarters to a Coast Guard base. By the end of World War II, Base South Portland had become a home for all Portland Captain of the Port (COTP) and Portland Group activities with the Commanding Officer of the Base acting as COTP and Commander, Group Portland. This postwar Group was a consolidation of five wartime

groups. In 1952, the Group Portland offices were moved to Cape Elizabeth Lifeboat Station and Base South Portland commenced operation as an independent District unit. In 1960, the Group offices were moved back to the Base as a tenant command. In 1966, a major Group reorganization throughout the First District established a Captain's (O-6) billet at South Portland to perform a triple function as Commander, Group Portland; Commanding Officer, Base South Portland; and COTP Portland. The Marine Inspection Office located in Portland's Federal Building became Marine Safety Office in 1976. At that time, the MSO Commanding Officer assumed the responsibilities of COTP. The MSO offices were moved to the newly renovated U.S. Customs House in 1984.

A second major organizational reorganization of the Coast Guard took place between 1995-1996. At that time Base South Portland was disestablished as a separate command and all Coast Guard Reserve Commands were decommissioned and integrated into the Active Command structure. The functions of the industrial support facility and electronics support were transferred to the Integrated Support Command in Boston under the purview of the Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic. However, three independent units were created known as the Industrial Support Detachment Portland (ISD South Portland), the Electronics Support Detachment South Portland (ESD Portland), and the Maintenance Assist Team South Portland (MAT Portland). These three commands became tenant commands at the Group Portland Facility. Once again with reorganization, Group Portland, MSO Portland, and Group Southwest Harbor later converged to become Sector Northern New England in 2005.